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An apparently new document is also mentioned in the Written Opinion, i.e. JP2002-72088 of March 12, 2002 to Minolta Co., Ltd. A copy is provided.

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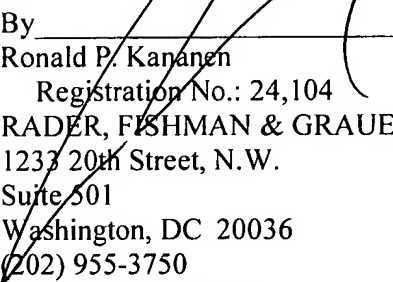
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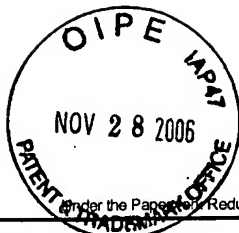
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